



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### **Kapa'a man reported missing arrested Monday**

LĪHU'E – Nicholas Whittingham, 60, of Kapa'a was arrested by Kaua'i police around 11:30 a.m. on Monday.

He was reported missing on July 4 around 5 p.m. and was discovered Monday camping on land along the Kapa'a Bypass Road. A preliminary investigation reports that the landowner called police after discovering Whittingham on his property and recognizing him as a missing person.

Whittingham, however, was taken into custody for an unrelated incident.

The incident occurred around 1 p.m. on June 30 after Whittingham solicited the services of a local taxi company. After being driven to his home, a preliminary report indicates that Whittingham attempted to push the female driver of the taxi from the vehicle in an effort to allegedly drive away with the vehicle. He then fled on foot and evaded arrest.

On July 2, the Kaua'i Police Department found Whittingham behind the Waipouli Beach Resort where he again evaded police, this time by jumping into the river and swimming out of reach.

After his arrest on Monday, Whittingham was brought to Wilcox Memorial Hospital where he was medically cleared for cellblock.

He is being held on a \$6,000 bail based on two charges—unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle and second-degree assault.

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